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FOR AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY

PLEASE DELIVER TO AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY BY 8 AM FRIDAY, JAN 30

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, SP, US

SUBJ: US-SPANISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS--THE AGREEMENT IN IM-  
PLEMENTATION

1. I ENDEAVORED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO REACH YOU YESTERDAY EVENING REGARDING THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION, TOGETHER WITH THE 15 PROCEDURAL ANNEXES AND 2 ACCOMPANYING DIPLOMATIC NOTES. AS I AM SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW, THE SCHEDULE CALLS FOR AREILZA AND ME TO SIGN AT 6 PM TODAY (NOON WASHINGTON TIME).

2. I FIND IT RATHER CURIOUS THAT AT LAST MINUTE YESTERDAY EVENING WE WERE TOLD BY TELEPHONE THAT IT IS NOW DESIRED THAT ALL THESE TEXTS BE BROUGHT TO WASHINGTON FOR ONE MORE REVIEW BEFORE SIGNATURE.

3. THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO ACCORD WITH THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED WITH THE SPANISH THAT WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO SIGN THIS WEEK. IT WAS FOR THIS PURPOSE, AFTER ALL, THAT LANGUAGE EXPERTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT REMAINED HERE TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS OF CONFORMING THE TEXTS. THE FEW MINOR CHANGES WHICH THIS PROCESS (NOW CONCLUDED) PRODUCED HAVE BEEN CLEARED BY CAPT FRUCHTERMAN WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES  
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IN WASHINGTON.

4. IT WOULD CLEARLY BE EMBARRASSING AT THIS VERY LATE STAGE IN THE GAME TO CALL OFF THE SIGNING. I AM CERTAIN THAT AREILZA WOULD BE DISPLEASED, PARTICULARLY SO BY THE SUGGESTION THAT WHAT HE REGARDS AS HAVING BEEN NEGOTIATED LAST WEEK WHILE YOU WERE HERE MYA NOW BE REOPENED.

5. I SHOULD ALSO VERY MUCH APPRECIATE KNOWING DIRECTLY FROM YOU WHETHER WE ARE SIGNING THE AGREEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION AS PART OF THE TREATY, AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE NOTES YOU AND ROVIRA SIGNED JAN 24, OR, AS SOME IN THE DEPT MAINTAIN, THAT THIS IS TO BE HANDLED SEPARATELY AS AN EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT. I CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT THERE BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING WITH THE SPANISH ON THIS POINT. (THE SPANISH INTENTION IS TO SUBMIT THIS AGREEMENT TO THE CORTES.)

6. I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU IMMEDIATELY IN LIGHT OF THE 6 PM DEADLINE FACING US HERE.  
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